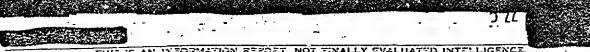
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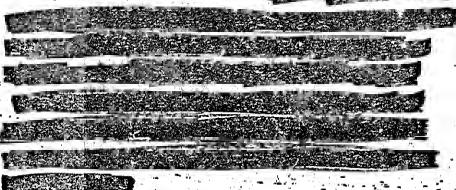
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ABOUT 590 NETERS FROM A WELL-TRAVELED ROAD THAT RAN BETWEEN THE

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TWO VILLAGES. THE CAVE WAS AT THE END OF A TRAIL THAT SEPARATED-FROM THE ROAD AND WOUND PAST A TEN-FOOT WITERFALL THAT HAD A POOL OF POTABLE WATER AT ITS BASE. IT WAS 30 TO 40 FEET ABOVE THE ROAD THAT RAN BETWEEN THE VILLAGES. THE HEADQUARTERS OF GENERAL KAISON SISAVAT, THE PATHET LAO COMMANDER FOR HOUR PHAN PROVINCE, WAS ABOUT ONE KILDMETER NORTH OF THE CAVE.

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